

ERB HANGS ON AND MAY WIN POISON FIGHT

Three Specialists Working
Over Rail Financier Who
Takes Wrong Tablets.

VALET GOES TO RESCUE

Members of Family Explain
Mistake Made While
Traveling on Train.

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The physicians hope that the prompt removal of the poison by the stomach and the first aid rendered by Mr. Erb's valet secured all but a small amount of the poison from entering the financial system. However, they have told Erb and the family that if a considerable quantity of the poison entered it will be fatal and possibly four or five days before any serious symptoms become apparent.

Mr. Erb's family today explained how he came to take the poison. He was returning to New York from Philadelphia, where he had been in the city for several days. In his traveling bag he carried a bottle of headache tablets and another containing poison tablets which he used in making a wash for an injured foot. Mr. Erb had a headache when he boarded the train and took two tablets from one of the bottles. A short time later he was taken ill.

Local Similar Case.

Because of his prominence in the railroad and financial world Mr. Erb's case is attracting much attention. It recalls the remarkable fight made in 1914 by E. Sanders Walker, a young banker of New York, who suffered a similar mishap. Walker took a single poison tablet on May 14, 1912, but despite the efforts of doctors and his own cheerful help in the fight, he died eight days later.

New Note On Sub Disputes Given Gerard

American Ambassador at
Berlin Hears From Home
Government on Arabic.

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PRIZE COURT GIVES CROWN BIG CARGOES

American Products on Four
Norwegian Ships Con-
demned by English.

SENT BY MEAT PACKERS

Chicago Companies Claim
\$15,000,000 Value—Said
Destined for Germany.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—State department officials were little surprised at the finding of the London prize court in the American meat cargo cases. Whether the United States will protest will be decided later. The disposition has been to exhaust legal means before proceeding in diplomacy.

London, Sept. 16, (8:33 p. m.)—The British prize court today condemned the greater part of the American products forming the cargoes of four steamships. The products, valued at several million dollars, are declared forfeited to the crown.

The judgment was delivered by Sir Samuel T. Evans, president of the court. It involves the cargoes of the Norwegian steamships Kim Alfred, Nobel, Bjornstjerne Bjornsen and Fridland. All the goods of these vessels, consisting practically of American meat products, are confiscated, with the exception of a small proportion which the court released to shipowners.

The case has been pending for several months. The steamships were seized last November, and although efforts were made by the American owners to obtain an early trial, the British authorities set the hearing for June. The hearing closed last month. In a lengthy judgment Sir Samuel said it was plain these ships were carrying goods towards Copenhagen, more than thirteen times the amount of goods which under normal circumstances would have been taken to that port. That fact gave overwhelming assurance that the goods were intended to find their way to Germany.

Meat for Fighting Forces.

The meat cargoes, shipped for the most part by the great American packing companies and valued by them at \$15,000,000, were found by the president to be destined, except for some items, not for consumption in Denmark but for delivery in Germany. He held that their eventual destination was the German government, for the use of its naval and military forces. To rule otherwise, Sir Samuel said, would be to allow one's eyes to be blinded by theories and technicalities. The court disallowed 16 claims, including those of the Morris, Armour, Hammond, Swift and Schlager companies. It allowed eight claims, including that of the Cudahy company of Chicago. The others were Danish consignees.

Sir Samuel gave leave to appeal, fixing security for the costs at \$25,000, divisible among the appellants. He also gave the crown attorneys leave to appeal in the cases of the Cudahy and other claims which were allowed.

No Advance Payment.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 16.—The meat cargoes confiscated by Great Britain will be a complete loss to the packers, according to Thomas E. Wilson, president of Morris & Company, as there were no advance payments made on the shipments. He will issue a statement later today.

Mex Holiday Met by Large Armed Force

Four Thousand U. S. Sol-
diers Stand Ready on the
Border for Hasty Call.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 16.—Bandits believed to be those who recently killed two American civilians, were discovered today on the Presnos tract, 10 miles north of here. Fired on by a party of citizens and soldiers, the Mexicans fled, leaving a trail of blood and were being pursued through the brush late today.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 16.—Mexican independence day dawned along the lower Texas border with more than four thousand United States troops under arms, ready for hasty calls to any action where evidence was seen of the general uprising against Americans and the United States government, which rumor, stimulated by recent bandit lawlessness, had said would take place today.

The celebration yesterday passed without untoward incident and there was no indication of trouble when the "festa" began this morning.

Carranza authorities in border garbances across the river gave assurances several days ago that every effort would be made to quell any hostilities against Americans which might occur on their side of the international boundary. Two thousand additional Carranza soldiers arrived in Matamoros yesterday. The Laredo garrison, the commander there announced, would spend the holiday patrolling the river in both directions to prevent trouble.

There is no ranch house in the lower Rio Grande valley which has not been stocked with means for defense. It is said.

LEWIS CALLS FOR HALT ON EUROPE LOAN

Illinois Senator Says Money
Sought by Belligerents
Needed at Home.

SEES A REPETITION '93

Allies' Commissioners at
New York Discuss Terms
of Interest to Be Paid.

New York, Sept. 16.—Standard Oil millionaires, including John D. Rockefeller, Jr., it was reported today, are considering the terms of the proposed billion dollar credit loan to Great Britain and France with a view to participating.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—Senator J. Hamlin Lewis today made public a letter, protesting against the proposed billion dollar war loan, which he has sent to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and the federal reserve board.

Senator Lewis said his purpose in making the letter public was so that the public might take cognizance of the bankers "looking to the proper guardianship of the money of the people," the loan, he said, would invite repetition of the panic of 1873 and 1893. In the course of his letter the senator says:

"The amount demanded by these financiers of Europe is \$1,000,000,000. The statement from two official bankers of the government is that the amount of unpayable money in America in excess of reserve and money already obligated is \$2,000,000,000.

"It will be seen that if the billion loan goes to the foreign bankers, one-half of all the available cash for America is taken from the American people. This at a time when the American people and the American government have no other source in the world to resort to in the event of any emergency breaking on the United States.

"This amount of money leaving us means:

"One hundred millions taken from 10 of our commercial centers.

"One million taken from 1,000 of our agricultural and manufacturing centers.

"All this at a time when the revenues of America show a deficit occasioned by the European war cutting off imports and necessitating the borrowing by America from itself, or the increasing of the taxes of the citizens if there be a deficiency of money in America to meet an American government loan.

"The effect of this foreign loan would be to take \$1,000,000,000 from our people of their own money and lend it to nations who are spending \$15,000,000,000 a day. In 60 days all that money will be spent by the entente and we will have

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Russia Calls Reserves To Fight Colors

Senate Instructed to Deter-
mine Ages and Numbers
of New Men for Service.

Petrograd, Sept. 16, (via London.)—An imperial ukase was issued today calling to the colors reserves of the territorial army. The senate is instructed to determine the ages and numbers of reserves and the districts from which they shall be called.

London, Sept. 16.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs that the Russian duma will be prorogued today until the middle of November.

An imperial decree to this effect has been issued, the correspondent says, and was communicated last night by Premier Goremykin to the cabinet and to Michael Bodiansky, president of the duma. The premier also conferred with the military and civil authorities of Petrograd and Moscow with regard to forestalling popular demonstrations.

PINSK TAKEN BY GERMANS; 100 MILE GAIN

Petrograd Claims to Have
Thrown Back Invaders
Near Svientsany.

RESUMING OFFENSIVE

Also Asserted That Drive of
Marshal Von Hindenburg
Is Losing Its Vigor.

Berlin, Sept. 16, (via London, 2:30 p. m.)—The capture of the Russian city of Pinsk, about 100 miles east of Brest-Litovsk, was announced today at army headquarters.

The German army advancing against the Russians in the Dvina river region, in the important struggle for possession of the port of Riga has won further successes. The war office announced today that the Russian had been driven back.

London, Sept. 16, (12:40 p. m.)—Coincident with Earl Kitchener's optimistic remarks in the house of lords concerning the position of the Russian armies they are showing an increasing disposition to reassume the offensive at many points on the eastern front.

They are not only pressing their attacks against the Austrians in Galicia, but for the most part are holding up the German rush in mid-Poland. The Russians also assert they have thrown back the invaders near Svientsany, where the German cavalry cut the Petrograd railroad between Dvinsk and Vinnia.

The German battery still holds out at the bridgehead near Dvinsk, although the Russians apparently are holding their opponents in check in this region.

Counting their captures in Galicia, the Russians lately have been taking more prisoners than they have been losing. In England hopes are rising that Earl Kitchener did not make an inconsiderate prediction when he declared Germany had shot her bolt, but that his statement was based on facts. It is said here that Von Hindenburg's drive is losing its vigor, while Von Mackensen is striving to overcome the difficulties of the marsh country and the Austrians appear to be unable to regain the upper hand in Galicia.

The Balkan situation has not reached a settlement. The British press views Bulgaria's attitude with some anxiety.

SHERMAN IS CUT BY THROWN ROCK

Missile Breaks Window of Car in
Which Illinois Senator is Riding
Into St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 16.—Senator L. V. Sherman of Illinois, who was cut by the rock yesterday when a rock was thrown through the window of a train on which he was riding, left here today for Springfield. The cut on the face was not serious.

The rock is thought to have been thrown for fun by one of two boys seen walking on the track.

GOES TO ARRANGE FOR THE \$500,000

Receiver for Rock Island Road Is In
New York—Car Purchase
Authorized.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 16.—Jacob M. Dickinson, senior receiver of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company, left for New York today to arrange with the First National bank of that city for the payment authorized by the court of the \$500,000 due on \$20,000,000 debenture bonds of the company.

Judge Carpenter authorized the receivers to purchase 4,000 steel frame box cars, to cost \$2,000,000. Payment will be made with \$320,000 in cash and the remainder in lease warrants, maturing semi-annually in series.

Two thousand five hundred of the cars will be made at Pullman, Ill.; 1,000 at Davenport, Iowa, and 500 at Michigan City, Ind. The total cost will be \$3,408,540.

Cars to be built at Davenport already are under construction. The order having been given to the Bettendorf plant for them two or three months ago.

DEAD CANDIDATE WINS IN PRIMARY

Unusual Outcome in Contest Between
Democrats in Missouri—Court
Must Settle.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 16.—For the first time, probably in the history of the state, a dead man was nominated for office in Tuesday's Democratic primary. Ernest A. Towell, who died Monday, was returned as nominated over J. Clayton Kelley for clerk of the circuit court in Winemore county.

Mr. Towell died on the day preceding the primary, his name could not be removed from the ticket. Although the fact of his death was known generally throughout the county, his name contained 200 more votes than his opponent's and the judges were compelled to call him nominated. It is said that Kelley will claim the nomination and will fight out the question in court.

Priest and Farmer Killed.

Danville, Ill., Sept. 16.—Father J. J. McCarthy of Paris and John J. Dugan, a prominent farmer residing near that city, were instantly killed last evening when the latter's automobile was struck at a crossing by a Big Four train. It was raining at the time and it is believed that the wind shield glass became clouded so that the driver could not see far ahead.

THE WAR TODAY

(Associated Press Summary.)

The Russian city of Pinsk, at which Field Marshal von Mackensen has been driving, has been taken. This marks an eastward advance by the Germans of nearly 100 miles since the taking of Brest-Litovsk on Aug. 25.

The probable loss of the British submarine E-7 off the Dardanelles is announced by the British admiralty.

Reserves of the Russian territorial army have been called to the colors.

Deep feeling has been stirred in Russia by the announcement that Premier Goremykin has been authorized to prorogue the duma, Petrograd advises state.

A bill appropriating \$1,210,000,000 for the expenses of France during the last quarter of the year was introduced in the French chamber of deputies today by Finance Minister Ribot.

Several millions of dollars worth of American goods, mostly meat products, carried by four steamships, have been declared forfeited to the crown by a British prize court. The court held that the products were destined for the German government and not for consumption in Denmark, whither the vessels detained were bound.

German newspapers have published by official permission dispatches intimating that Rumania's participation in the war may be momentarily expected, according to advices through Copenhagen.

Press advices from Petrograd state that Emperor Nicholas has granted amnesty to all political prisoners, who number more than 100,000.

Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers are reported from Italy to have been sunk by an Italian submarine in the Adriatic.

METHODISTS WILL ACCEPT THE GIFT

Central Illinois Conference Given \$50,
000 on Building \$100,000 More
for School.

Kankakee, Ill., Sept. 16.—The unanimous acceptance of a \$50,000 conditional gift offered by W. A. Rankin of Onarga, Ill., for the construction of new buildings, installing new equipment and increasing the size of the Grand Prairie seminary was the principal action taken yesterday at the business meeting of the 60th annual session of the central Illinois conference of the Methodist church, which is being held here.

The conditions covering the acceptance of the gift are that \$100,000 more be raised to go with the gift, and that it be raised within the boundaries of the central Illinois conference.

Thomas Nicholson, D. D., secretary of the educational board of the M. E. church, presented the matter to the assembly, and after a thorough discussion of the proposition by Dr. D. W. Agnew, president of Hedding college at Abingdon, Ill., Dr. W. E. Shaw of Peoria, and Dr. Samuel Van Peit of Watseka, a unanimous vote was taken.

STRIKE HOLDS UP BATTLE SUPPLIES

Freight Handlers at Weehawken, N. J.,
Refuse to Move Loads Until Pay
Is Raised.

New York, Sept. 16.—Loaded freight cars and thousands of tons of freight accumulated today in the yard and on the piers of the West Shore railroad at Weehawken, N. J., where a strike of 600 longshoremen and freight handlers began yesterday. Police were protecting the property.

Much of this freight is composed of war munitions and intended for transfer by lighters to steamers for England and France awaiting cargoes in the harbor. Despite rumors that the strike was a result of German propaganda, leaders of the longshoremen denied that they were influenced by foreign agitators and said they would return to work if their demands for an increase of wages from 20 cents to 25 cents an hour was granted.

JOPLIN DISTRICT HEAVY SUFFERER

Mining Operations Have Been Sus-
pended While Flood Water Is
Pumped From the Shafts.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 16.—Flood conditions in southwestern Missouri, the southeastern corner of Kansas and points in northern Oklahoma were little relieved today. Although probably the heaviest monetary loss will be felt in the Joplin mining district, where operations are suspended pending the pumping of the flood waters from mine shafts, much suffering and damage to property has occurred at other points, especially at Iola and Fort Scott, Kan.

Each of these cities underwent a flood of no small proportions ten days ago and the communities were barely readjusted to normal when residences were again flooded by small streams which yesterday became raging torrents from the seven and one-half inches of rain which fell throughout the section.

Citizen committees worked throughout the night in boats rescuing persons marooned by the swiftly rising waters.

CONFERENCE FOR MEXICO UNLIKELY

Positive Statement Is Given Out by
Secretary Lansing's Department
—Meet in New York.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 16.—The positive statement that the conference between the Mexican leaders and the Pan-American conferees is unlikely to take place on Mexican soil was made today at the state department. Secretary Lansing will leave tomorrow for New York to attend the meeting of the Pan-American conferees Saturday. Whatever conferences are held probably will take place in Washington, state department officials said.

It was stated authoritatively that no decision had been reached as to the program to be followed.

RAILROADS ASKING REOPENING OF CASE

Washington, Sept. 16.—Formal notice that western railroads intend to ask the interstate commerce commission to reopen the western advance freight rate case in respect to the rates on packing house products, fresh meats, live stock, and grain and grain products, was filed today with the commission by attorney representing the carriers.

FEAR OF UPRISING IN TURKISH ARMY

All Government Financial Institutions
to Move From Constantinople to
Asia Minor.

London, Sept. 16.—Advices from Constantinople, according to Athens correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company, are that all government financial institutions, such as the Ottoman Bank, are making preparations to move to the interior of Asia Minor. It has been learned from the same source that because of the fear of an insurrection in the Turkish army all Turkish artillery soon would be placed in charge of Germans.

As long ago as March 2 diplomats in London received telegrams stating that the Ottoman Bank and the German bank at Constantinople had been transferred to Honolulu, Asia Minor, and that the archives of the Turkish government had been removed to that city. These steps were supposed to have been taken because of the attack on the Dardanelles and the fear that a passage of the straits might soon be forced.

17,608 BRITON DEAD DARDANELLES TOLL

London, Sept. 16, (2:40 p. m.)—British casualties at the Dardanelles up to Aug. 21 were 17,608. The number of killed in that time was 17,608.

The statement follows:

"The enemy claims to have sunk the submarine E-7, Lieutenant Commander Archibald D. Cochrane, of the Dardanelles, and to have taken three officers and 25 men of the crew prisoners. As no news has been received from this submarine since the fourth of September it must be presumed that this report is correct."

These figures were included in the grand total of British casualties published earlier in the week.

Today's announcement says the number of officers killed was 1,150 and number of men 16,478; wounded 3,371 officers and 59,257 men; missing, 378 officers and 8,021 men.

PROMOTORS BALL POOLS INDICTED

Two of the Publishers of the Weekly
World Are Held by United States
Grand Jury.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 16.—Efforts of the federal government to break an baseball pool gambling resulted today in the indictment by the United States grand jury here of the two publishers of The Weekly World, which is alleged to have conducted the pools.

The men indicted are John J. Kilkoyne and James Walsh of Wilkes-barre, Pa. The jury found true bills against them on four counts, the charge being that they delivered to an express company at Allentown, Pa., for carriage in interstate commerce, advertisements in reference to lottery tickets.

The grand jury failed to take action against agents arrested in other states.

18 Freed in Election Case.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Sept. 16.—The charges against Claude Fowler, chief of police of Corpus Christi, and 17 other defendants in the alleged 1914 election frauds were dismissed late yesterday in the federal court here.

The case against the remaining 23 of the 41 defendants is expected to go to the jury tomorrow.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature. Temperature at 7 a. m. 73. Highest yesterday, 64; lowest last night, 64. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. nine miles per hour. Precipitation, .33 inch. Stage of water, 4.4, a rise of 4 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

BANKER CONVICTED OF FALSE ENTRIES

Danville, Ill., Sept. 16.—Oliver A. Barker, cashier of the First National bank of Johnson City, Ill., was today found guilty in the federal court here of making false entries to the extent of \$10,000. He will be sentenced later.